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## Recapping 2016 Chicago Sustainability

Since the [Chicago Sustainability Leaders Network \(CSLN\)](#) formed in 2013, each year of work has built on the successes of the previous year, and 2016 has been no different. The network wrapped up two substantial collaborative projects: Smart Grid education and the recycling initiative. Through these projects, the network has increased the capacity of its members, strengthened its relationship with the City of Chicago, gained experience in collaborative programming, and outreached to **over 5000 Chicago residents** about sustainability.



[Read more about CSLN 2016 activities here](#)

## ICA's Past, Present, & Future: Engaging Colleagues

Current ICA Program Manager, Caitlin Sarro, and ICA colleague Terry Bergdall recently spent 6 days on the road visiting ICA colleagues in St. Louis and Kansas City. As a 50+ year old organization, ICA has a wide network of colleagues whose experience and support has help shape the organization for many years. This trip brought together just a few of those individuals and offered them an opportunity to hear more about ICA's current work and the long-term organizational vision.

Each meeting proved to be a happy mix of the past, present, and future. Colleagues reconnected through discussions of how they were first engaged with EI/ICA, how their lives have been shaped by their engagement and how the organization has influenced their current work.



[Read more about Terry and Caitlin's trip](#)

## One Earth Film Fest at the ICA

The [One Earth Film Festival \(OEFF\)](#) uses the power of film to educate, connect and activate audiences around sustainability issues and solutions. This will be its sixth year of bringing outstanding and solution-oriented environmental documentaries and programs to the Chicago region.

ICA is a long-time partner of OEFF and is hosting two films during the 2017 festival. The Age of Consequences screened on Saturday, March 4th and drew 93 participants. The Sonic Sea is screening tomorrow **Thursday, March 9th at 7pm**. Both films include a post-film discussion with the filmmakers and local resource people taking action related to the film's message. The Sonic Sea screening will also include a special virtual reality experience, Valen's Reef, that takes viewers on a 10 minute tour of a coral reef in Raja Ampat.

The screenings are free with a suggested \$6 donation. Registration is recommended, but not required, as the screenings are likely to sell out! Reserve your tickets for [Sonic Sea!](#)



Age of Consequences Screening



The Age of Consequences Trailer

The Age of Consequences investigates the impacts of climate change on increased resource scarcity, migration, and conflict through the lens of US national security and global stability. [Read more](#)



Sonic Sea Trailer

Sonic Sea travels beneath the ocean's surface to uncover the damaging consequences of increased ocean noise pollution and what can be done to stop it. [Read more](#)

## You're Invited! ICA Global Archives Spring Sojourn

The ICA Global Archives Team invites all colleagues and friends to attend the 2017 Archives Spring Sojourn from **March 13-17** at the ICA GreenRise.

The Sojourn will start at 9am on Monday, March 13th with reports on the current state of the website, the digitization process, and work with interns about Human Development Projects (HDP) -- Then and Now. Throughout the week, colleagues will be scanning documents, researching HDP, and sharing wisdom in Collegium sessions.

Meals are available for \$10 per day, and rooms are available at the ICA GreenRise for \$30 per night. Contact [reception@ica-usa.org](mailto:reception@ica-usa.org) for room reservations, and contact Jean Long with any remaining questions, [jean.long412@gmail.com](mailto:jean.long412@gmail.com).

[Read a more detailed schedule here](#)



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## ToP Conference Recap and Chicago Courses



### **ToP Conference 2017: Raise that Sail!**

The 26th ToP Annual Gathering took place from June 13-16 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Workshops were focused on three themes: Streams Lead to the Ocean - All About ToP Methods; Tidal Force of Change - Engaging Communities; and Riding the Wave - Innovations in Facilitation.

[Read more about the conference here](#)

### **Upcoming Chicago ToP Classes**

More information can be found by clicking on the session title or to find a training near you [click here](#).

#### [ToP Power of Image Shift - March 28-30](#)

This course helps you deeply understand the complexity and depth required in transformational change and provides tools to design facilitation and/or training sessions that meet today's change challenges.

## **ICA Colleague Spotlight: International Team, Dick Alton and Seva Gandhi**

### **How/when did you first encounter the ICA?**

Dick: I took a course in 1968, joined the in San Francisco in 1970, and went overseas to the Philippines in 1976.

Seva: I started at ICA-USA to help manage our international partnerships in 2010.

### **What does the ICA-USA International Team work on here or when abroad?**

Our team keeps up with and supports other ICAs in a variety of ways. For the past 10 years, we have been working with colleagues here in East Africa and here in the US to finish up a long standing project on peer education and awareness campaign around HIV/AIDS in several countries in East Africa. In general, we support regional gatherings, learn from our colleagues, and are constantly trying to improve communication and information flow across ICAs. Between the two of us, we have represented ICA-USA on ICAI's board for the 7 years!



### **What is your favorite thing about working together?**

Dick: Seva has a great sense of taking charge and getting things done. She thinks things over, creates a plan for process and is great at eliciting input and engagement from participants and partners.

Seva: Dick is one of the youngest people I know -- in spirit. I often feel way more jaded and tired than him. His unbridled enthusiasm for getting things done and having fun while doing it is a great thing to witness and learn from. Working with Dick keeps me young and on my toes!

### **Why is International engagement important for ICA-USA?**

Dick: ICA has always said one of the major contradictions in life is nationalism. To be relevant and to be dealing with a global world, we need to get out of our narrow view of life, and we are able to do that by engaging globally.

Seva: ICA-USA has a lot to learn and share with our sister organizations. Even though ICAs don't all have the same mother tongue, we do share a language in the way we use our process-based methods in individual, community, and organizational development. By working together, sharing skills, and learning from each other, we can have a greater impact and continue to have a vibrant network working on positive social change.

**Tell us a funny story from an international trip.**

Seva: After the 2015 ICA East African conference in Tanzania, Dick and I did a whirlwind tour and met with many of our colleagues throughout East Africa. While in Kenya, we went and visited all the historical sites for ICA - from Kawangware to Kamwaleni. Near Kawangware, Dick wanted to stop and take a photo of the school where his daughter went to preschool - several decades earlier. As he stepped out of the car, he was apprehended by security because taking photos on the school's premises was not allowed. It appeared to be a very serious offence, and the security guards were very upset and took our cameras/phones away from us.....[READ THE REST OF THE STORY HERE!](#)



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